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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request  
FOIA Control No.: 19-FI-HQ-01771

Dear Ms. Amarel:

This letter acknowledges the Department of Housing and Urban Development's receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) correspondence dated and received on July 23, 2019.

Pursuant to the FOIA, 5 USC 552(a)(6)(A)(i), once HUD properly receives a FOIA request, the Department has 20 business days within which to make a determination on the request unless unusual circumstances exist. Under unusual circumstances, such as an agency's backlog, or the need to examine a voluminous amount of records required by the request, HUD can extend the 20-day time limit for processing a request.

The Department will comply with your request to the extent permissible by law. Any records not subject to an exemption will be forwarded to you promptly upon the completion of HUD's search and review process. Your request has been assigned to me for processing. If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me at (202) 402-4315.

Thank you for your interest in the Department's programs and policies.

Sincerely,

**Eugene McGirt**

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Government Information Specialist